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DEPARTMENT FOR PETER SUCHMAN TREASURY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, GATT, RO JA

SUBJ: TEXTILES: ANTI-DUMPING CASE

1. HEAD JAPANESE TEXTILE DELEGATION (TAKAHASHI) TOLD SMITH (STR) ON MARCH 18 THAT JAPANESE IMPRESSION FABRIC INDUSTRY VOLUNTEERED TO HIM TO LIMIT EXPORTS TO US OF NARROW WIDTH (LESS THAN 12 INCHES) IMPRESSION FABRIC (TSUSA 347.6020) IN SIMILAR WAY JAPANESE INDUSTRY HAS LIMITED EXPORTS TO US OF TSUSAS 338.3014 AND 3016. JAPANESE EXPORT LIMIT IN 347.6020 WOULD BE EITHER QUOTE LATEST TRADE DATA AVAILABLE TO US QUOTE (ABOUT 1.2 MSYE) OR QUOTE AROUND A MILLION SYE QUOTE. TAKAHASHI MADE IT CLEAR TO SMITH THAT RANGE BETWEEN ONE AND 1.3 MSYE PER YEAR ACCEPTABLE TO GOJ AND STRONGLY IMPLIED CHOICEUP TO USG.

2. GOJ IS CLEARLY NERVOUS ABOUT THIS ANTI-DUMPING CASE NOT SO MUCH, ACCORDING TO TAKAHASHI, BECAUSE IT FEARS DUMPING BEING PROVEN BUT BECAUSE OF ITS RELATIONSHIP TO US/GOJ TEXTILE BILATERAL. INASMUCH AS THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY LIBERALIZED THE BILATERAL

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OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS WITH QUITE LOOSE CONTROLS, THE GOJ IS FEARFUL THAT THE VERY LIBERALITY OF THE BILATERAL WILL ONLY ENCOURAGE SPECIFIC US TEXTILE INTERESTS TO FIND OTHER WAYS (I.E., DUMPING CLAIMS) TO HARASS JAPANESE TEXTILE EXPORTS TO U.S.

3. MICHAEL DANIELS, WASHINGTON LAWYER, TELEPHONED SMITH

SAME DAY TO CONFIRM PARA 1 ABOVE AND TO EXPRESS SAME THOUGHTS

PARA 2. DANIELS, WHO APPARENTLY REPRESENTS JAPANESE  
IMPRESSION FABRIC INDUSTRY IN U.S., DOES NOT THINK  
JAPANESE INDUSTRY SHOULD HAVE VOLUNTEERED SUCH A LIMIT  
AS HE FEELS HE CAN QUOTE BEAT QUOTE THE CASE NOW BEFORE  
THE USITC.

4. TAKAHASHI SAID HE WOULD CONFIRM LIMIT WHEN HE  
RETURNED TO TOKYO NEXT WEEK AND WOULD ADVISE JAPANESE  
EMBASSY WASHINGTON (YOKOYAMA) TO GIVE SMITH NECESSARY  
WRITTEN ASSURANCES SIMILAR TO APRIL 6, 1976 LETTER ON  
338.3014 AND 338.3016. TAKAHASHI HOPED THAT WITH  
SUCH ASSURANCES IN HAND, USITC WOULD BE FAVORABLY IMPRESSED.  
SMITH RESPONDED THAT USITC INDEPENDENT BODY, ETC. AND  
ONLY SAID THAT HIS MESSAGE WOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO  
TREASURY OFFICIALS.

5. US IMPRESSION FABRIC INDUSTRY HAS ALSO REQUESTED  
CITA TO INVOKE CONSULTATION PROVISIONS OF BILATERAL  
RE TSUSA 347.6020, A FACT WHICH GOJ KNOWS. CITA  
WILL REVIEW REQUEST AT NEXT MEETING WHEN US TEXTILE  
DELEGATION RETURNS TO WASHINGTON. INITIAL INFORMAL  
REACTION OF CITA MEMBERS HERE, HOWEVER, IS THAT US  
INDUSTRY HAS NO RPT NO CASE.  
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